

# BENJAMIN HARRISON MEDALLION RECIPIENT

## PUBLIC SECTOR

Judge Allen Sharp, a 37-year member of the Columbia Club, was appointed United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana on October 11, 1973. He served as Chief Judge from 1981 to 1996.

He attended Indiana State Teacher's College (now Indiana State University) and earned an A.B. degree from George Washington University in 1954. He received a J.D. degree from Indiana University in 1957, and a masters degree in history from Butler University in 1986. He holds an honorary doctor of civil laws degree from Indiana State.

Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Sharp served as a Judge of the Appellate Court of Indiana (now Court of Appeals) from 1969 to 1973. He practiced law in Williamsport, Indiana, from 1957 to 1968 and in 1968 successfully argued *Hopkins vs. Cohen* before the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Sharp has had extensive experience in the federal judiciary during his 30 years of service. He has presided in civil and criminal jury trials in seven different locations in four different U.S. districts. Additionally, he has sat by designation on three United States Appeals Courts in Chicago, Washington, D.C. and New Orleans.

He is the author of a number of historical articles for publications such as *The Supreme Court Historical Society Journal*; *Traces*; *The Supreme Court Historical Society Quarterly*; *The Air Force Law Review* and *The American Bar Association Journal*.

The Judge also wrote the chapter on President Benjamin Harrison for the recent book, *"America's Lawyer-Presidents."*

Born in Washington, D.C., he lives in South Bend. He has two daughters, Crystal Catholyn Sharp Bauer and Scarlet Frances Thomas. Judge Sharp is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit and the Indiana Judges Association. He is an adjunct professor of history at Butler University, Indiana University and Milligan College, in Tennessee.

The Columbia Club is pleased to present this distinguished Hoosier with the Benjamin Harrison Medallion for distinguished service to our state and nation in the public sector.

*It's an honor to be on the platform with  
someone of your accomplishments.*  
*Christie With*



Judge Allen Sharp

## BENJAMIN HARRISON MEDALLION CRITERIA

The **Benjamin Harrison Medallion** was established in 1983 by The Columbia Club to recognize two individuals, one in the public sector and one in the private sector, for their significant contributions to the growth and development of the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana. This award pays tribute to the successful cooperation between the two sectors as they work to build a stronger community.

### PAST WINNERS OF THE BENJAMIN HARRISON MEDALLION

2003	Ellen Engleman Conners (Public Sector)	1991	Indiana National Guard and P. E. MacAllister
2002	Senator Evan Bayh and Andre B. Lacy	1990	Senator Richard G. Lugar and Ramon Humke
2001	Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. and E.W. Kelley	1989	Vice President Dan Quayle and John Burkhart
2000	Senator Robert Garton and Tony Hulman George	1988	Governor Robert D. Orr and Robert G. Moorhead
1999	Stephen Goldsmith and John R. Hodowal	1987	John W. Ryan and Eldon Campbell
1998	Senator Daniel R. Coats and Gerald I. Lamkin	1986	Glenn W. Irwin, Jr. M.D. and Thomas W. Moses, Sr.
1997	Gordon G. Gilmer and Randall L. Tobias	1985	Judge Toni Cordingley and Theodore Boehm
1996	Gerald L. Bepko and General Wendell C. Phillippi	1984	Buert R. Servaas and Thomas W. Binford
1995	John M. Mutz and Otis R. Bowen, M.D.	1983	Mayor William H. Hudnut III and Henry C. Ryder
1993	Judge Paul H. Buchanan, Jr. and Maestro Raymond Leppard		

Winners also possess the following personal characteristics  
as exemplified by Benjamin Harrison:

1. STRONG PATRIOTIC SPIRIT
2. HIGH MORAL AND ETHICAL STANDARDS
3. OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT
4. BELIEF IN FREEDOM OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS

## COLUMBIAN OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

Presented for the first time in 1986, the **Columbian Of The Year** award was created to recognize outstanding leadership and dedication to The Columbia Club.

### PAST WINNERS OF THE COLUMBIAN OF THE YEAR

2003	Louis S. Hensley, Jr.	1993	W. Jean Drey
2002	Curtis S. Travis	1991	Albert W. Zimmermann
2001	Henry C. Ryder	1990	Dean Rodger S. Gray and Lawrence W. Gaston, Jr.
2000	J. Albert Smith, Jr.	1989	James J. Bright and Sam H. Sipe
1999	Howard S. "Howdy" Wilcox	1988	Jonathan J. Robertson and William Cohrs
1998	Mr. and Mrs. William B. Powers	1987	Roy E. Knight
1997	Clifford D. Frost, Jr. and Robert T. Shumaker	1986	T. J. Schmitz and Wilford A. Butler, Jr.
1996	John R. Walsh		
1995	William L. Soards		